

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Previously presented) An assay device for detecting an analyte in a liquid sample, the assay device comprising:
 - a casing, the casing comprising at least one window;
 - a labeling region, the labeling region comprising a mobilisable labeled binding agent; and
 - a nitrocellulose strip located within the casing, the nitrocellulose strip being substantially opaque in a dry state and being translucent when contacted by the liquid sample, the nitrocellulose strip comprising:
 - (i) an analyte detection region comprising an immobilized binding agent which binds the analyte, the analyte detection region located downstream of the labeling region, wherein the analyte detection region is visible through the at least one window;
 - (ii) a printed line located on the lower surface of the nitrocellulose strip in the analyte detection region, wherein the printed line is on the side of the nitrocellulose strip that is not visible through the at least one window when the nitrocellulose strip is in a dry state; and
 - (iii) a control region, the control region located downstream of the analyte detection region, wherein the control region is visible through the at least one window;
- wherein in use, the liquid sample contacts and migrates along the nitrocellulose strip, and wherein the printed line is visible to a user through the at least one window when the nitrocellulose strip is translucent.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 1 wherein the line is oriented substantially parallel with the direction of flow of the liquid sample.

6-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 29, wherein when analyte is present in the sample, analyte binds to the mobilizable labeled binding agent and the immobilized binding agent to form a test signal in the analyte detection region of the nitrocellulose strip.

31. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 30, wherein the line and the test signal form a symbol representative of a positive result in the presence of analyte.